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In re Patent Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR OPERATING A TERMINAL

UNIT IN A TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

Examiner: L. B. Zhen

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this

Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application in conjunction with the filed

Request for Continued Examination.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.